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(57) Abstract

§he winter rye, upon cold-induction or aclimation, produces a family of antifreeze proteins that are similar to pathogen-related proteins. Two of these proteins, both of which are chitinase-like proteins, are cloned using molecular biology techniques and are expressed in bacterial and yeast (*Pichia*) systems and *Arabidopsis thaliana*. The recombinant proteins showed both chitinase and antifreeze activities. The invention includes the DNA and protein sequences of the chitinase-like antifreeze proteins, any modifications of the said sequences, the expression of these proteins and their appplication in agriculture, food industry and medicine.